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Contras: mixed views

By **ANDY SALVAIL**
Contributing Writer

A four-member teacher-student panel met at Thursday's 40-minute-forum to discuss the topic of "U.S. Aid to the Contras."

Dr. Vincent Marsala, professor of history, and James Gaddy, an LSUS history major, conveyed support for the "freedom-fighters," while Dr. Norman Provizer, professor of political science, and former SGA president Jack Williams, a political science major, expressed their opposition to the Contras on the grounds of "liberal realism."

First to speak, Marsala said his support for the Contras is based on "realistic appraisals" of Soviet strategies since 1959. After the Cuban revolution in 1959, and the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua in 1979, the Soviets formed alliances in this hemisphere and became a serious threat to U.S. security, he said.

"The triumph of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua in July, 1979, signaled a progressive transformation of the Caribbean basin and a political defeat for the United States," Marsala said.

He pointed out that the Soviets were initially cautious in Nicaragua — as they had been in Cuba — but, in 1980, they made a number of economic and technical trade agreements with the Sandinista regime; then, by 1982, thousands of Nicaraguan students received full scholarships to Russian universities.

Military arms, he said, began to flow into Nicaragua in 1981, funded by Soviet satellite countries: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and namely Cuba and East Germany.

Extremists, Israel clash in Middle East

The Israeli Consul General Shmuel Ben-Schmuel spoke last Wednesday on the current conflict between Israel and the Arab world.

Ben-Schmuel is a graduate of Tel-Aviv University. He has dealt with the United States — Israel strategic relations, international

"Soviet involvement (in Nicaragua) is very similar to the Cuban pattern in the early 60s," Marsala concluded.

Provizer, arguing for the "course of liberal realism, my way of looking at the world" — said that after listening to Marsala, he's rethinking whether he "should or shouldn't build a bomb shelter in my back yard in order to protect myself from the Nicaraguan invasion that seems to be forthcoming."

"Nicaragua's increasing its military strength, in part, at least, is a response to challenges from the United States and the Contras," Provizer said. "... (Nicaraguan) military is not really that major an offensive threat even though they have begun to increase their use of sophisticated weapons."

Provizer compared Soviet support of the Sandinista government to U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, a country which borders on the Soviet Union — unlike Nicaragua, which is surrounded by other Central American countries.

"While global questions and power struggles are legitimate questions to examine in the context of Nicaragua, the key factor to keep in mind... is the historical relationship between the United States and that part of the world," said Provizer, referring to past American imperialist policies.

"Revolutions, I would argue, are inevitable in Central America; we can learn to adjust to them, and try to have some input into them — we will not stop them," Provizer said.

Gaddy spoke next, and said his justification for Contra-aid is based on Sandinista domestic and foreign policy.

terrorism and the arms race in the Middle-East.

In his preface remarks, Ben-Schmuel stated that if one wanted to understand what the Arab/Israeli conflict is all about, "one should follow the last peace initiative of Secretary of State Shultz which was unsuccessful."

"What does Nicaragua do with its political opponents? Currently, they're holding 15,000 political prisoners," he said. "Soviets and their satellite countries are dumping over \$1 billion annually into the Sandinista government."

"I heard someone say that Nicaragua is accommodating tourist trade... I don't know about you but I'm not going to downtown Managua."

Gaddy said that in Managua, regular meetings are held between representatives from the PLO, some Soviet-bloc countries, and even Libya.

In addition, "the Sandinista revolutionary national anthem calls the U.S.A. an enemy of mankind," Gaddy concluded.

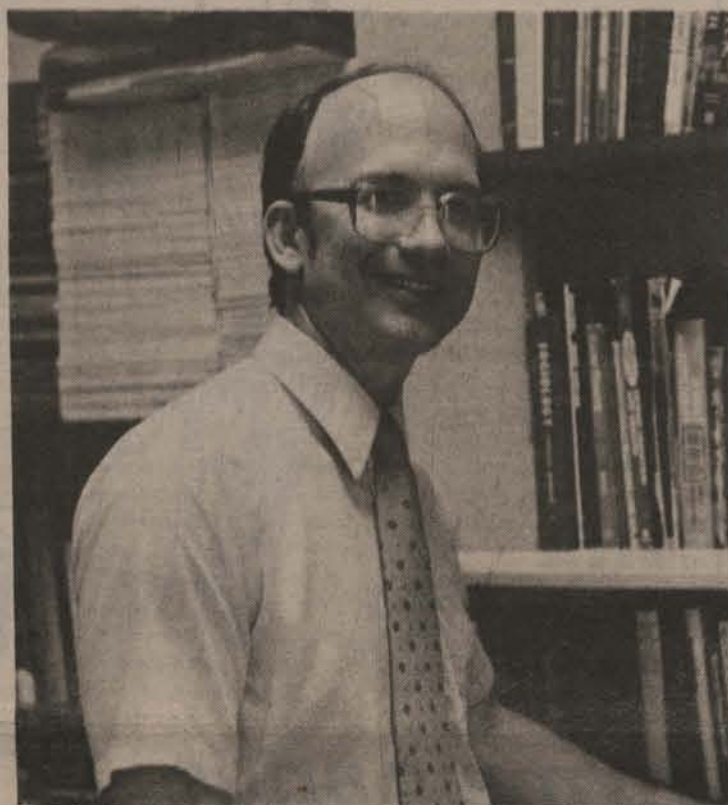
Williams, a self-described "ultra-liberal," spoke next, saying that he was appalled by the "hypocrisy" existing in U.S. policies toward Central American countries. "Our goals there have been less than honorable, and rarely consistent with those of our own beloved constitution," he said.

Williams pointed out that the Samozan government, which ruled the country prior to the Sandinista revolution, was a "brutal" regime, and that "today's Contra military leaders are yesterday's Samozan supporters."

Williams admitted that the Sandinistas have committed some humanitarian abuses; but that the literacy rate has improved under the new Nicaraguan government, from 15 percent to 85 percent. Also, a series of land reforms have been implemented.

"The U.S. sees RED in giant letters — we don't see past that. It is time to stop teaching Terrorism 101 in Central America," said Williams.

Ben-Schmuel commented that the Arab/Israeli conflict "is not (a) border dispute between Israel and some Arab country, it is (a) major conflict between Israel, a small democratic society in the Middle East and the major radical extremes within the Arab world which reject Israel's right to exist."



Dr. Norman Dolch

photo by Kevin Jerome

ACT scores drop

By **MARTHA BARKLEY**
Staff Writer

Recently the topic of student-professor apathy has been the subject of much debate. In an attempt to better meet the needs of the students Dr. Norman Dolch, professor of sociology, formed a faculty committee to "focus on how to improve classroom instruction."

Dolch's informal meetings are designed to allow professors to vent classroom frustrations and discuss teaching tactics. Although these gatherings were originally faculty only, Dolch encourages student participation. Active student input is required to "better respond to the needs of the students."

Meetings are held regularly on Fridays 12:15-1:15 p.m. in BH 365. Dolch said, "Everyone seemed generally optimistic and pleased to get together on this." On March 11 at the set time and place, featured speaker Dr. Jeffrey Ickes, will speak on "the changing nature of LSUS students." A nationwide trend has witnessed the decline of the average college freshman. Not

only have ACT scores fallen, but professors everywhere have noticed a "lower academic and social maturity" among students.

The foundation for Ickes' proposed changes is individualizing the professor-student relationship. The cornerstones of this foundation are outside activities and program learning.

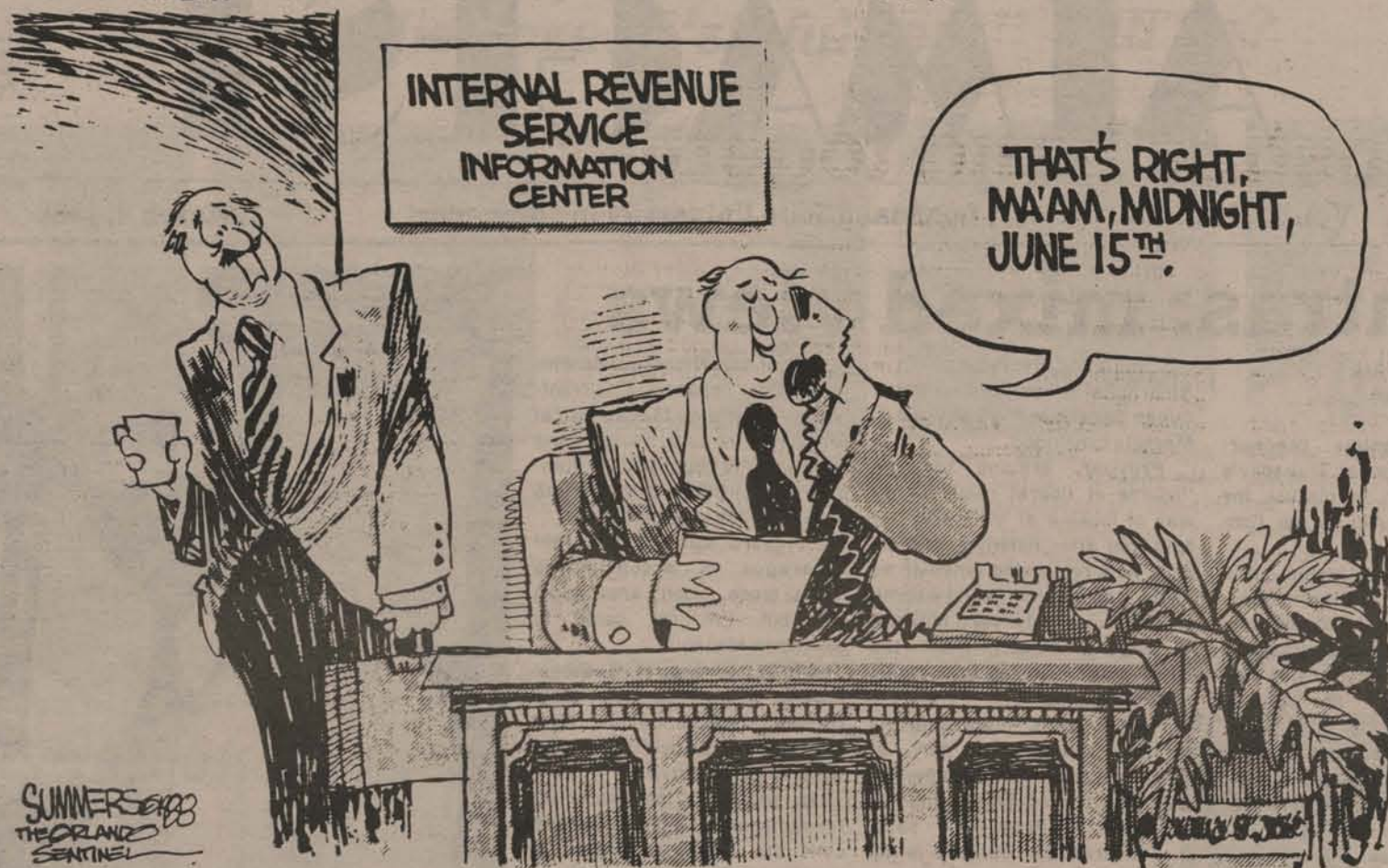
Ickes stated that students "are not motivated" and "do not know how to study."

"The faculty should provide a support system for the students," Ickes said. Advising is the key. "We, the faculty need to become the effective dimension in teaching." In addition, Ickes stated, "There are very simple things we (the faculty) can do." Ickes wants input from the students — "This is not just a classroom issue." Ickes said it is not only academia that is affected "but also interpersonal relationships."

All students are invited to attend not only the feature presentation but also any of Dolch's meetings. For further information contact Dr. Norman Dolch in BH 355 or at 797-5235.

editorial

NEWS ITEM: IRS GIVES BOGUS ADVICE TO CALLERS.



Olympic pride

The 1988 Winter Olympics have ended, and most of the United States is not pleased with its lack of medals.

The top two medal-winning countries were the Soviet Union and East Germany with 27 and 22 total medals, respectively. The United States tied with Finland and the Netherlands for sixth place with six medals.

The solution to the mystery of why the Soviets do so much better than the Americans is simple — the Soviet athletes are the equivalent of American professional athletes. The International Olympic Committee allows professional athletes to compete in the Olympics; however, the United States will not allow its professional athletes to compete.

Imagine a U.S. Olympic hockey team with members such as Detroit's Steve Yzerman or Buffalo's Dave Dryden. A pretty far-fetched imagination is required for that one because it will not happen. These guys are professional hockey players. They get paid for playing hockey.

U.S. Olympic athletes are traditionally not paid for participating in their respective sports. Unlike the Soviet Union and Soviet-bloc countries whose governments financially support and train their athletes, the United States relies upon private supporters for its athletes.

If the U.S. government subsidized its athletes, the result would most likely be an increase in the number of medals and a decrease in public support.

Think about it. If the Soviet Union had an athlete like Dan Jansen (whose sister died on the first day of speed skating competition), the Soviet people probably would not have shown the support that the U.S. public did for Jansen. In fact, the Soviet Union probably would not have even recognized someone like Jansen for his gallant efforts.

Conversation and criticism

By ERIC BANKS
Managing Editor

Monday, February, 28 - a warm winter's night. I lay in the bed of my second story room, suspended between earth and empyrean. The windows are open, wide open, and the fan's dusty blades spin overhead.

It's late. The table lamp pours a warm yellow light into the air. The album is long over and I start to drift into unconsciousness. My alter-ego is wide awake. He is very in-

quisitive tonight.

Alter-ego - Why did you do it? *Eric* - Do what? *Alter-ego* - Open the letters-to-the-editor. They weren't addressed to you, *Eric* - Pride. I was gonna trash all of those letters opposed to my tele-evangelic and religious criticism in last week's column, and give to the editor only those agreeing with me. But no-one supported me. It's scary when you stand alone, the only one in the world with any sense. I'd have garbaged those letters if we didn't have an opinion page to fill.

Alter-ego - I think you're abusing the privileges of an *Almagest* managing editor. *Eric* - It's politics. Everyone does it.

Alter-ego - What happened to your noble ideals? *Eric* - Forget them. It's time to abandon idealisms. Religion smells. Politics stink, and lately, I've had the urge to use the faculty men's restroom. I'm not the same person I used to be.

Alter-ego - I don't think I'd much like to talk to you anymore. *Eric* - Now you know how Swaggart's alter-ego must feel.

LETTERS POLICY

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'88 House election

Foster Campbell is a state senator from Elm Grove. He and his wife, Paula, have five children.

Among his accomplishments are a sister trade agreement with Taiwan which generates \$65 million from Louisiana soybean and corn exports. Campbell also authored the "pass-to-play" bill for educational reform.

With experience in teaching and farming, Campbell created a \$10 million educational endowment fund as well as programs to expand wildlife habitats and reduce poaching.

Democrat Troy Bain has practiced law in Shreveport for 25 years.

The Vivian native received a degree in chemical engineering from LSU in 1959 and in 1962, he graduated from the LSU School of Law.

He and his wife Katherine have four children, all of whom attend Captain Shreve High School.

Attorney Marshall Jones's "Declaration" includes a constitutional amendment calling for voluntary prayer in public schools.

Jones also supports an oil import fee, a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget, and no new federal taxes.

A native of Shreveport, Jones has two children.

Minden Mayor Noel Byars professes that reinvestments from the federal government will be the most beneficial in creating jobs.

Mitchell Marsh is a fencing contractor from Mansfield.

Marsh entered the race because he thinks that this "country won't last another 15 years."

June Phillips lives in Shreveport and serves as director of the Title III Program at Southern University. She has spent 24 years in the educational field.

Phillips' platform priorities include: creation of jobs and new industries, completion of the Red River navigation and I-49 projects, maintenance of a solvent Social Security system, and aid for the small farmer and small businessman.

She is married to A.W. Phillips, and they have two children.

Buddy Leach is a native of Leesville and is the only candidate with experience as a U.S. Congressman. He served one term from 1978-1980 and served as a four-term legislator.

Leach supports a strong defense, protection of the Social Security system, and creating jobs for the unemployed.

He and his wife, Laura, are the parents of a son and two daughters.

Leach has been called Louisiana's most conservative congressman.

Candidates at recent debate



photo by Duane Montgomery

Jim McCrery, the race's only Republican, was born in Shreveport and raised in Leesville.

He holds a bachelor's degree in English and history from Louisiana Tech University and a juris doctorate from LSU.

He served on Buddy Roemer's 1981 congressional staff and is now Georgia-Pacific Corporation's regional manager for governmental affairs.

Stan Tiner has thirteen years' experience as editor of the Shreveport Journal. He was a member of the 1985 Nieman Class of Fellows at Harvard University.

He has been married to his wife, Vickie, for 21 years, and they have three teen-age children.

Tiner, who has been called "a conservative with a heart," has the public support of Governor-elect Buddy Roemer.

Charles Martin is a retired businessman from Shreveport.

Martin believes that the demise of the Federal Reserve system will aid in reducing the federal budget and trade deficits.

briefs

Winners

The ACM and DPMA computer programming contest held last Saturday was won by the team of Troy Conly, Gerald Gilley and David Martin. The second place team consisted of Tony Cureington, Nam Dang, Mike Littlefield and Jerald Payne. Third place was taken by the one man team of Sam Shelton.

Both clubs would like to thank Dr. Adrienne Critcher, Ms. Lisa Johnson and Dr. John Sigle for their aid in developing the programs used in the contest. Also due thanks are Barbara Hubbard

and Dr. Alfred McKinney for time spent as judges for the contest.

The ACM and DPMA would like to thank all entrants, club members, faculty and administration, for without their help this contest would not and could not have taken place.

Lowery

The Black History Month Committee has rescheduled Dr. Joseph Lowery's keynote address for Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30, in the University Center Theatre.

His speech was postponed due to inclement weather.

Live Music

CAPRI, (620 Millam): Exit — tonight.

CENTENARY OYSTER HOUSE, (1309 Centenary Blvd.): Betty Lewis and the Executives — tonight.

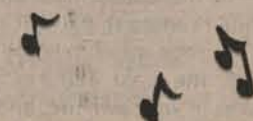
CIRCLE IN THE SQUARE, (630 Commerce): Lillian Axe with Chirade opening — tonight and Saturday.

CONNIE'S HIDEAWAY, (3975 Greenwood Rd.): The Firecreek Band — tonight and Saturday.

EDWARD ST. GROCERY, (401 Edward St.): Russ Brabham — tonight.

ENOCH'S A CAFE, (1911 Centenary Blvd.): The Bluebirds — tonight; File, from Lafayette — Saturday.

HUMPFREES, (114 Texas): Destiny — tonight; Killer Bees — Saturday.



campus features

What one will do for a 22-cent taco

By VICTOR PIZZOLATO
Contributing Writer

Stampedes in cities have been out of style since the '60s. Only in Pimplona, Spain, where the annual running of the bulls is held, do we hear of such nonsense anymore. (Geraldo Rivera was a participant in this event one year and was nearly lost to us....)

But, as distant as it should have been, Shreveport recently had a stampede. It will go down in history as the Great Taco Bell Stampede.

What caused it?

The announcement that, in commemoration of George Washington's birthday, the prices of small tacos were "chopped" to 22 cents apiece ("chopped" because of George's chopping of the cherry tree...).

In today's economy, 22 cents means free, practically. Traditional free food—bland soup, stale bread and semi-half-way decent food (come on...we're not talking Chicken Kiev here)—presents the makings of a riot.

I was corralled into buying tacos on this eventful day.

"Go get us some tacos, son," my dad said. There were four of us in his store.

At first I balked, suggesting that my mom should go, but one of those Sicilian fatherly stares made me change my mind.

"How many?" I asked.

"Twenty."

"Twenty? You want me to go in and ask for twenty tacos?"

I love food, and anyone can look at me and tell. But I've never been gluttonous enough to walk into a restaurant and order twenty of anything. Off I went, though.

I expected a crowd, but not one that made the taco place look like it was a bank having a run made on it.

Getting into the parking lot was the first treacherous obstacle to hurdle. Imagine trying to move across three lanes 500 feet from the I-20 off-ramp into Dallas at 8 a.m. You get the picture.

Once onto the lot, you couldn't get into a parking space without an appointment. A guy with regular license tags staged a coup on one of the handicapped parking places. This was serious.

The drive-in lane was so busy that it blocked cars trying to exit the lot to make room for entering cars.

Finally, I found a place to park and got inside the restaurant.

The customer side of the counter looked like Wall Street in the good ol' busy days. Customers jockeyed for a place at the counter so they could be waited on. The employees' mad-dash attempts to fill the orders

was reminiscent of old newsreel clips of workers in munitions factories during World War II.

Watching what went on was like being in a psychology lab.

"I'll take three tacos," a little gray-haired lady said just above a whisper. She even seemed a bit embarrassed, splurging like this on 22-cent taco day.

Most of the orders ranged from 10 to 15 tacos. Then came my turn.

"I need...need twenty tacos," I said a bit reticently.

"Twenty sir?" the manager

asked in his most ingratiating way.

"Yes...twenty...there are four of us," I said.

About the time I placed my order, someone at the drive-in speaker yelled for forty tacos. What a relief! Kids' screams in the background made it obvious that this person wasn't ordering for herself.

The next night I returned, this time to buy a seafood salad (it's a crazy world).

"I'm curious," I told the woman at the drive-in window.

"How many tacos did y'all sell yesterday?"

"Nine thousand."

"Really? Nine thousand?" (As though I were surprised.)

"We sure did."

"What was the largest number anybody ordered?"

"Sixty, I think."

"Nine thousand...that's something."

"Yeah, and we sold completely out by a quarter 'til twelve."

What a better way to celebrate our first president's birthday, huh?

SAB: ideas wanted

By LISA FRIDAY
Contributing Writer

Students dedicated to students is how SAB President, Mike Smith, describes the Student Activities Board. This organization plans and schedules many activities for LSUS every year.

Smith has been president for two consecutive years and says the organization has grown from about 10 members to almost 40 this year. The goal of SAB is to encourage student participation. Smith said that what students do not realize is SAB is spending their money — money that is collected every semester from student fees.

NACA, National Association of Campus Activities, provides SAB with a rating book of national entertainers and gives the officers and chairs a chance to preview the acts before booking. Mike said this program has helped increase student participation over the last two years.

Another contribution to the organization is the leadership conference the officers attend every summer. This gives them a chance to meet different officers

throughout the Southwest and gather ideas.

SAB would also like to receive ideas from the student body of LSUS. Students can give their input by participating in a survey or by placing ideas in the box outside of the SAB office. A survey of the entire campus will be conducted in the near future. This survey will help find live music and DJ's of students' choices and learn what type of publicity will work best.

One of the main attractions that SAB organizes is Spring Fling. This year's theme is Hawaiian Luau. The event begins with the band Exit and concludes with Betty Lewis and the Executives in the afternoon. The Spring Fling dance will have a DJ instead of a band for a new flare. Also there will be more games to encourage student involvement.

Any student may join SAB. Smith said that the SAB is a part time job, but it is a lot of fun. When asked what advice he would give a student wanting to get involved, he said, "have total encouragement and remember your primary responsibility is school."



You should have seen J.T. run. Even with the physical limitations he had to overcome, there was a special grace to his stride. But it was his face that captivated the observer. Such undaunted determination, such unbridled spirit was gripping, inspiring.

J.T. didn't win first place. Not even second. Fact is, he just avoided being last by about two steps. His victory was from within; through sheer will and effort, he transcended the disadvantages that fate and nature had imposed on him. He was every inch a winner.

The Louisiana Investor-Owned Electric Companies enthusiastically support the Special Olympics program. The courage shown by the competitors in overcoming personal adversities serves as a model for us all in today's difficult economic times. These plucky athletes convincingly demonstrate how to draw on other strengths when one facility is diminished.

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campus profiles



Michelle Joubert

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Joubert has confidence

By JEFF ABNEY
Staff Writer

WARNING: The story you are about to read is true, the names have not been changed to protect the innocent. Some elements of this article may shock and even repulse some mild-mannered readers.

Michelle Joubert is a 20-year-old senior majoring in pre-med. She likes living at home, loves her parents and knows what she wants to do with her life. It's all slightly disgusting. "I enjoy living at home for several reasons. It saves a lot of money, there's less responsibility and I really enjoy being around my parents. That's odd for our generation, isn't it?"

Odd isn't exactly the right word for Joubert, but she's definitely not exactly your typical student, either. The list of her extracurricular activities is short, but there is a good reason for this. "I had to really set my priorities when I decided to come to LSUS. I wanted to get out in

three years. Hopefully, I'll be able to save a year because med school is going to take so much time. I know there are things I'm missing, but I think I've made the right decision."

This moment of introspection is quickly gone, replaced by the typical Michelle Joubert self-confidence. It's easy to see she knows what she wants when she talks about her decision to become a doctor. "I think it's a combination of the challenge I know it'll be and my interests, which lie in working with people. I've always been very interested in science, and I think medicine will combine both of these."

Joubert wants to be a pediatrician. Of course, she has very definite reasons why she's made this choice. "I enjoy working with children. Kids are trusting, and usually unbiased. They're not really caught up in the adult, social world. They approach everything from a posi-

tion of innocence. That's really refreshing to me. Certainly kids can be brats sometimes, but that's another thing that makes them neat, every aspect of personality can be found."

She knows what she's talking about when she discusses children. When she's not in school, she can be found giving kids piano lessons. It seems Joubert really doesn't have time for much else. "Fun is distracting," she said laughing. "Whenever I have a break, I try to read several books that I haven't gotten around to. I also like to cross-stitch." Laughing again, she said, "I don't really sound very exciting, do I?"

Joubert doesn't have to worry about exciting. She knows who she is and what she wants. "I feel like I know where my life should go. I think a lot of people don't know where they're going. I used to feel that way and consider myself very lucky that I don't anymore."

Kalinsky goes west by car

By GLENN TRENT
Contributing Writer

A good day for Robert Kalinsky would include a swim, taking in a Steven Spielberg film, and whipping up a home cooked meal.

Kalinsky says he tries to hit the pool as often as possible, but spends less time on his other athletic interests, softball and volleyball.

As for cooking, he belongs to two of the three gourmet clubs at LSUS, and loves to try out new recipes; surprisingly he has no favorite dish.

Kalinsky has been a professor at LSUS for 14 years. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the University of Dayton as an undergraduate. He completed his studies at Ohio State University.

Kalinsky enjoys traveling by car, and is particularly fond of the western states. He lists Arizona as his favorite. If given the chance to visit one foreign country, he would choose either New Zealand or Australia.

A trip to the bizarre is Kalinsky's idea of entertainment. Edgar Allen Poe's, "The Neighborhood", and the KTUX morning show are among his entertainment choices.

On the subject of cinema, Kalinsky says, "I like movies that don't require a simple functional brain cell, because I want to relax." For example he cites his recent enjoyment of "Back to School" starring Rodney Da-



Dr. Robert Kalinsky

photo by Kevin Jerome

ingerfield. Kalinsky also likes the Indiana Jones movies, the Star Wars series, and other Spielberg films.

Further reflecting his taste for the fantastic, Kalinsky jests, "My favorite entertainer right now is Jimmy Swaggart!" Kalinsky is quick to point out that he doesn't tune in for the religious guidance.

Kalinsky says that he doesn't have the slightest idea of who will be the next president of the United States, and that he is not impressed with any of the can-

didates. There is one candidate who he is vehemently opposed to—Pat Robertson. Says Kalinsky, "If it was Robertson against Smokey the Bear, Smokey the Bear has got my vote." Kalinsky's opposition is due to his belief in the separation of church and state.

With good cause, Kalinsky feels his best attribute is his sense of humor. On the serious side, he cites the witnessing of his daughters' births as his most memorable moments.

Slide presentation

LSUS offers a variety of travel programs through the spring and summer for students, teachers, alumni and members of the community, according to Marilyn Gibson, director of International Studies.

A special slide presentation highlighting the People's Republic of China, Australia and

the Mediterranean will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the UC auditorium.

The program is free of charge and open to the public. Further information is available on all LSUS travel programs through the Office of International Studies at 797-5124 or from Ms. Gibson at 221-6449.

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...ATS downs Full Force

Two undefeated teams met last week in a game that could have been a preview of the championship game.

Full Force had won its first two games by an average of 50 points. Jemall Hall had been averaging 37 points a game.

...ATS had been winning by an average of 41 points. With 6'8" Bill Barstow and Terry Josting's 20 points a game ...ATS was favored to win a close one.

The game started off on a bad note for Full Force because their leading scorer, Jemall Hall, could not make it to the game. ...ATS had to make Al Delaune sit out most of the game because he forgot his ID card.

...ATS got Full Force in a running game early. The teams stayed close for the first four minutes then ...ATS started to wear Full Force down. Ron Cheatum made a steal then got the assist on a behind-the-back pass to Terry Josting who scored two of his team-high 21 points.

Wade Roberts and Don Frazier kept Full Force in striking distance. Roberts pulled down four rebounds, scored six points and played great defense. Frazier led his team with eight first half points on his way to a game-high 25.

Cheatum ended up with six assists and 12 points while

Barstow had three blocked shots. The first was a block down low that symbolized how the night would be for Full Force's inside game.

The first half ended with ...ATS ahead 43-27. When the second half started Full Force came out burning. They used a 14-to-4 run to cut the lead to 47-41. lead to 47-41.

Full Force's second leading scorer, Aaron Woods, showed up for the last few minutes of the first half. He picked up three quick fouls and had 6 points. In the second half he had a quick six and then fouled out.

Frazier tried to keep the rally going but his 17 second half points could not close the gap. The rest of Full Force fell apart.

Cheatum picked up his fourth foul with nine minutes left in the game. Josting took over at that point. He grabbed two rebounds and scored six straight ...ATS points.

...ATS showed a lot of poise in the second half. They out-rebounded Full Force 13-6 led by Barstow's 5. They shared the wealth on the offensive end with Barstow scoring six, Cheatum seven, Josting 12 and Mark Miller 8.

...ATS took advantage of the Full Force fall out and won 79-57 in a game that was supposed to be ...ATS' toughest challenge.



photo by Kevin Jerome

Reggie vital passes to Scott Heno during recent Tarhells-Kneeknockers game

Shanahan: Just what the Raiders ordered

By RODNEY MALLETT
Sports Editor

When the Los Angeles Raiders hired Mike Shanahan, a white man, over Dennis Greene, a black man, many observers thought that the NFL had continued its discrimination against black head coaches.

I think that this is a false observation. Greene has done a fine job as an assistant coach with the San Francisco 49ers. Without the right personnel the 49ers would not have made it to two Super Bowls during the 80s and won both.

Shanahan was the offensive

coordinator and quarterback for the Denver Broncos. He did a fine job considering he lacked a thousand-yard running back. It is true that he had John Elway to build his offense around but remember, Elway's first two years were not that impressive. He seemed to get injured easily and many fans labeled him a wimp.

Shanahan devised an offense that would keep Elway from getting hit straight on. Therefore Denver utilized the shotgun and a rolling pocket for Elway to use both his strong arm and quickness to become the number 2 rated quarterback in the AFC.

Shanahan is just what the Raiders need. He is the youngest coach in the NFL but he has a lot of offensive talent and that is what the Raiders need. Maybe Shanahan's work with quarterbacks will help him get some productivity out of Marc Wilson and with Bo Jackson and Marcus Allen in the backfield Shanahan's offensive-minded strategies will expand.

I think the reason Greene finished second in his bid to become the Raiders' head coach was because of Shanahan's qualifications, not his skin color.

A team, the city and the

players stand to make a lot of money if their team makes it to the Super Bowl. I believe that with that in mind, the coach who has the best chance of taking a team to the Super Bowl will get the job.

There are plenty of black assistants that are qualified enough to get head coaching jobs. Of the 34 black assistants, the few that I think will be in the running for head coaching jobs include, Dennis Greene from San Francisco, Al Laven from Dallas, Tony Dunge of Pittsburgh and Willie Brown of Los Angeles Raiders.

The NBA has shown that the color of the coach has nothing to do with the team winning. K.C. Jones, Boston's coach, is black and they have the best record in the East. They have also been in the championship series the last four years. Bernie Bickerstaff took the Seattle SuperSonics to the semi-finals last year before losing to the Los Angeles Lakers.

I believe that because of the increase in qualified black assistant coaches in the NFL that a black head coach will arrive on the scene shortly. The NBA has shown everyone that a good coach is a good coach, it doesn't matter what color the skin is.

Diving club begins

Anyone interested in forming a diving club should meet at 10:30 a.m. on March 10 in HPE 204. All scuba divers and skin divers are

encouraged to attend.

Suggestions will be taken on the services and activities that the club will be providing.

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campus news

Should the U.S. Government subsidize the training of Olympic athletes?



Mary Cook, freshman, finance: "If the athletes are going to wear USA across their backs, then the government should put money in their pockets."



Jennifer Olson, freshman, public relations: "The USA athletes are representing the country as a whole. They are people we should be proud of; and with the extra money, they could strive harder to make the United States regain some of its pride."



Robert Goodacre, junior, history: "There is no question—hell yes. The U.S. government's lack of support for our Olympic team manifests the bureaucratic and materialistic rationale that diminishes any hope of true nationalistic pride."



Stephanie Barbre, junior, political science: "I think the government should subsidize the athletes because they are giving up their time to represent us and they should be rewarded for their dedication."



Dolly Baker, junior, political science/English: "Most definitely. If they are proud enough to want to represent the United States, then the United States should be proud enough to support them."

Astronomical view

By MATT FRAZIER
Editorial Assistant

For a few minutes' drive you can behold the hidden wonders and miracles of the universe. You can gaze up into the crystalline sphere of the night sky, observe the blazing fury of a distant star and discover the majesty of ancient worlds as they drift silently in orbit.

Eight miles south of Shreveport two permanently mounted telescopes are housed in the Ralph W. Worley memorial observatory.

Hidden under the silver dome of the observatory lies a 16-inch reflecting telescope—the largest in the Ark-La-Tex.

The observatory, as told by Decker Moore, associate professor of physics, and Dr. Cran Lucas, associate professor of biology and president of the Shreveport Astronomical Society (SAS), began in the mid-60s.

Worley became interested in astronomy under the influence of his daughters. He brought together other people who shared his interest in forming the SAS.

A suitable place for an observatory was sought and found on land owned by the Frier-sons. An acre of land was leased to the SAS for 99 years at \$1 a year.

Worley then used his influence to get several people to donate time and materials to build the observatory.

After several years the charter members and the board of directors of the SAS donated the observatory to the Caddo Parish School System because the SAS could not afford the insurance, or the cost of maintain-

ing the property.

Successful classes at the high school level were conducted for nearly three years but the School Board began having monetary problems.

No one would spearhead a fund raising drive; so eventually LSUS agreed to lease the observatory for 1 dollar a year and assumed responsibility for maintaining the grounds.

The observatory is utilized on a regular basis for astronomy lab classes taught by Moore.

The SAS continues to use the observatory for its own personal observations. It also hosts public programs, conducts short classes and holds star parties when particularly interesting sky conditions develop.

When Halley's comet was here in 1986, between 3,000 and 4,000 people visited the observatory. The usual number is between 400 to 500 visits a year.

The SAS will be hosting star parties and public observations in the spring and summer. If you wish to discover the secret beauty of the universe, look in future *Almagest* issues for a schedule of events or contact Dr. Lucas in the biology department.

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D.C. scholarships awarded

Stephanie R. Boyd and Clayton A. Rowe have been selected as the 1988 recipients of the LSUS American Studies Scholarships to attend the Student Symposium on the American Presidency. The symposium will be held in Washington, D.C., from March 24-27.

Sponsoring the symposium is the Center for the Study of the Presidency, a non-partisan research organization in New York which publishes the major journal on the American presidency, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

Rowe is a senior in history and is the SGA president. After receiving his commission in the U.S. Army, he served as a Pentagon intern during the 1987 LSUS Washington Semester.

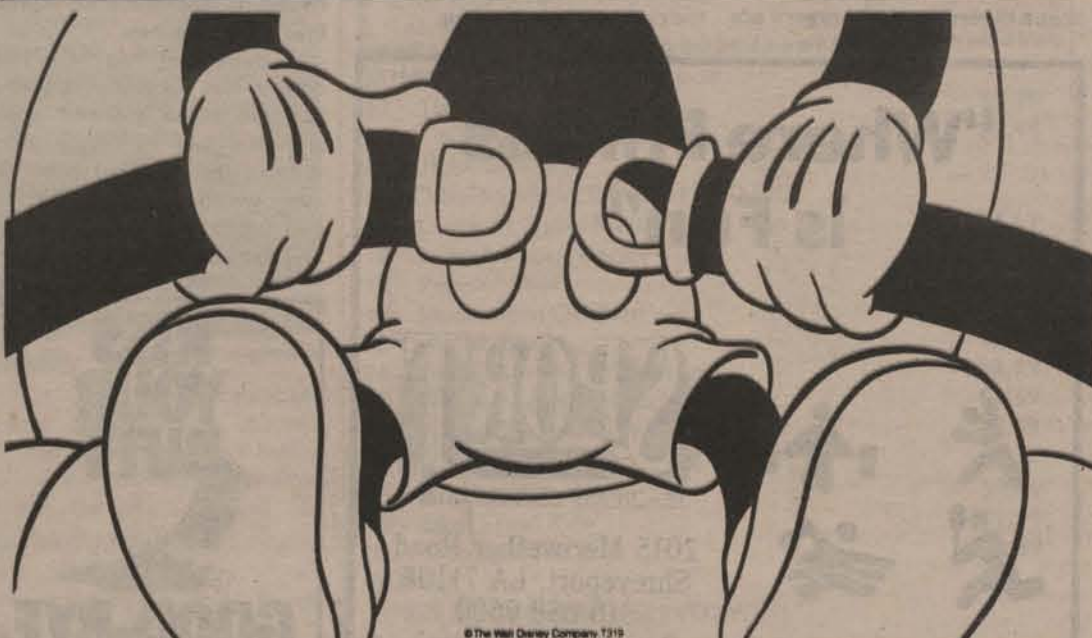
Boyd is a junior in political science and is the vice-president of the Nu Chi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science fraternity. After graduation, she plans to attend law school.

Rowe and Boyd will be among more than 600 students attending a State Department briefing and luncheons and dinners featuring government of-

ficials such as Attorney General Edwin Meese. The students will also participate in discussion groups focusing on various national issues.

Following the symposium, Boyd and Rowe will be eligible to apply for the position of Fellow of the Center for the Study of the Presidency. Fellows are those students who plan and organize the symposium. Two LSUS students have previously been chosen as Center Fellows.

Upon their return to Shreveport, Boyd and Rowe will give presentations to two of Bill Pederson's classes.



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